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Col. P. E. Duggins, MC, Commanding
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R&D HAS TRIAL PATIENTS

MCGUIRE TO HELP PROVIDE FREE PHONES FOR WOUNDED

Men and women of McGuire General this week signified that they wanted "in" on the campaign to raise funds for free telephone calls to their homes by patients returned from overseas. Officers, nurses, WACs, enlisted men, and civilians joined in the move to raise at least \$500 from the hospital personnel.

Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, started the ball rolling with a contribution which was matched a few seconds later by one from Lt.-Colonel Michael Sheppeck. Lt. Howard B. Leeds, public relations officer, was selected as chairman of the drive. His office will serve as headquarters.

News-Leader Originates Idea

The free-telephone-call idea, which originated in the editorial rooms of the Richmond News-Leader, is proving popular among citizens of Richmond who have already pledged a considerable sum, it has been announced. The purpose of the fund is to enable each returned soldier who is a patient in McGuire General Hospital to make his first telephone call to his family free of charge. It has been estimated that an average three-

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SECTION BEGINS "DRY RUNS" USING POST PERSONNEL AS PATIENTS

Military and civilian personnel in the Receiving and Disposition section of McGuire General Hospital was thrown into high gear Monday morning when the second of a series of "dry runs" was held under direction of Captain Henry U. Resch, station surgeon and chief of the R & D department. About 50 enlisted men from the station complement masqueraded as patients.

Additional "dry runs" will be held daily until arrival of the actual patients, or until Captain Resch is convinced every man and woman in the department is thoroughly versed in his or her duties.

Starting with the arrival of the first ambulatory patients, workers

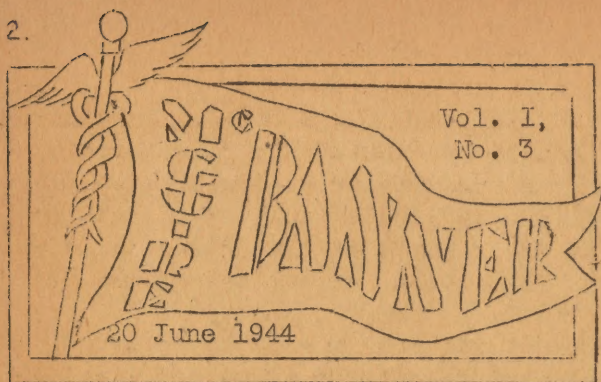
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BOND SALES TO TOP \$14,000.00

McGuire General Hospital's civilian and military personnel will buy at least \$14,000 in Fifth War Loan bonds, it was predicted yesterday by Capt. Martha R. White, WAC, chief of casualty placement and disposition, and war bond officer.

"Meetings of civilian personnel have been held and pledges of purchases have

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ROUTINE WORK CONSIDERED VITAL

"Right now, it's all routine work at the hospital. But when those first patients arrive, then things will begin to pick up."

"We're going to have the wounded soldiers right here in our wards. I really hate to think about it . . . they're going to be operated on and everything."

Do you think that the hospital is only waiting for all the medical equipment to be installed? Readyng the hospital means more than installing operating tables and preparing potions in the pharmacy. Procedures have to be worked out and every person involved must have a full working understanding of the part and the meaning of the part they are to play.

We must realize that time is precious in an evacuation hospital and everything must be done according to a split-second time schedule for we are dealing in human lives.

We must extend to these patients every courtesy and every kindness. This hospital was built to serve them and all on this post, including the Commanding Officer himself, must consider themselves as here to serve these soldiers who have given so much, hard work or

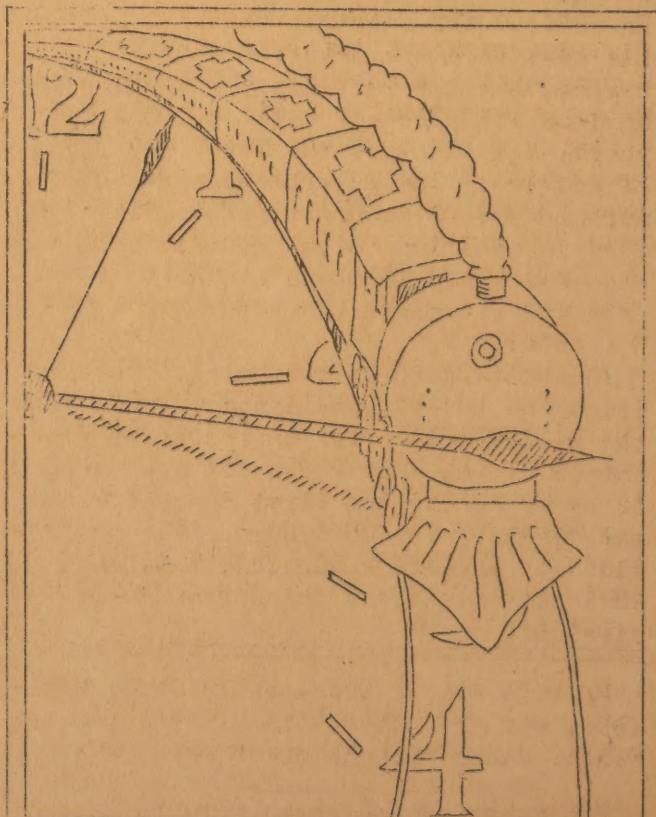
long hours notwithstanding.

This will be the first time these men have been on American soil in many months, and it is our duty to assure them every comfort and aid while they are with us. They deserve every consideration and must be accorded the quiet dignity and respect they have earned. They don't want tears or pity. They don't want stares or meaningless words of sympathy. They bring to McGuire fresh memories of battle tragedies which only our utmost efforts can erase. We can't do it by moaning over their condition. But we can do it by sticking to our assigned tasks, no matter what the hours or the conditions. We can do it, and we will.

There is a great man who makes every man feel small, but the really great man is the man who makes every man feel great.

G. K. Chesterton

His gun, your typewriter--both essential to victory.



TIME IS PRECIOUS IN AN
EVACUATION HOSPITAL

**G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS GETS
GREEN LIGHT FROM CONGRESS
IN RECORD VOTE OF 379-0**

WASHINGTON, D. C.--Congress last week approved the G.I. Bill of Rights, 379 to 0 and sent the war veterans' benefit measure to the White House for the approval of President Roosevelt who is expected to give it immediate endorsement.

Under provisions of the bill, veterans will be enabled to purchase homes, farms, or businesses with government-guaranteed loans by public or private lending agencies at not more than 4 per cent interest, repayable in 20 years, and with the Veterans' Administration absorbing the interest for the first year. The government guaranty will not exceed more than 50 per cent of the principal of the loan and no guarantee may exceed \$2,000, according to the bill.

The bill also provides that any veteran whose education was interrupted by the war may resume his schooling after his discharge providing he has served 90 days or longer. In the case of a veteran who was not over 25 years of age at the time he entered the service, the bill presumes his education was interfered with. Men beyond that age must prove interference. Maximum schooling is limited to four years, dependent on the veteran's length of service. The government will not pay more than \$500 annually for tuition and fees in addition to \$50 monthly subsistence allowance if there are no dependents and \$75 where the veteran has dependents.

In addition to government-guaranteed loans and government-financed education, the bill provides for unemployment guarantees of \$20 a week for not more than 52 weeks during the first two years after discharge. Job-finding will be provided by Selective Service, Veterans' Administration, and the War Manpower Commission.

Private Donald Duck, Shilo Camp, Manitoba, was presented with his paratrooper wings, along with 28 other soldiers.

Potato whisky which is said to be quite popular in sections of Virginia is yielding about ten drinks to the hill.

**LIMITED SERVICE DUTY WILL
BE OFFERED HANDICAPPED VETS**

THIRD SERVICE COMMAND HDQRS., Baltimore, Md.--Handicapped World War II veterans will be offered their choice of staying in uniform on limited duty or of returning to their homes as civilians, according to plans being worked out by the War Department.

"Wounded veterans unable to return to combat must be offered every opportunity to stay in and be useful to the service," Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, announced here this week. "General Marshal desires that these veterans be provided useful jobs in the Army. We must give them any new training necessary to fit them for jobs that their physical conditions will permit them to do," he said.

The program is expected to be especially important in the Third Service Command, since there are four large general hospitals in the area: McGuire General at Richmond, Va.; Deshon General at Butler, Pa.; Valley Forge General at Phoenixville, Pa., and Woodrow Wilson General at Staunton, Va.

"We want these soldiers to feel that a grateful government is not forgetting them once they have done their part," General Hayes said. "It is true that the wounded generally have not been educated to fit the Army's administrative and supply jobs. They probably have been riflemen, machine-gunners, artillerymen, and airmen. But they were trained for those combat jobs and they can be trained for new jobs.

"They can become clerks, guards, hospital attendants, photographers, and the like," the General said.

Men fit for more active duty will be transferred from station complements throughout the service commands, and the use of wounded veterans in their places is seen to some extent to alleviate the Army's manpower problem.

W. B. Ely, Texarkana, Texas, has two sons, both staff sergeants, in the Army. When his third son, 17, enlisted in the Navy, Ely could stand it no longer--he signed up for enlistment in the Navy.

McGUIRE WINDOWS BRING PRAISE

Of all the displays unveiled before the public eye on the opening day of the Fifth War Loan Drive, by far the most impressive and best received were those three set up in the Broad Street windows of Thalhimer Bros., Inc. by the McGuire General Hospital, according to the advertising manager of the store.

Conceived, designed, and executed by Sgt. Edward T. Paier, Jr., hospital artist, these displays have evoked a tremendous response from the civilian populace of Richmond, and messages of approval and congratulations are still being received as this paper goes to press.

In acknowledgement of the considerable interest aroused, Thalhimer's has requested and received permission to hold over and continue the display for an additional week.

Sgt. Paier, who set up the displays with the assistance of Pvt. Howard Witts, is a well-known artist in civilian life and has had his work exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

A scale model of the hospital, which is one of the more interesting parts of the display, will be set up in the foyer of the Red Cross Building when the display is over.

Sgt. Paier's fine portrait of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire which occupies one of the windows will eventually be hung in the hospital library.

GIRL TYPIST INSPIRES McGUIRE PERSONNEL

Maggie Trail, one of McGuire General Hospital's most valued employes, has never seen the building in which she works. The miles of corridors and the maze of departments and offices so familiar to others of the military and civilian personnel are strange to Maggie because--she is totally blind.

But blindness hasn't prevented this cheery, friendly girl from applying herself to the task of doing her job as best she can. She's a typist in the ediphone department in the Administration Building. Her work consists of typing medical reports. Her superiors state that she wrestles successfully with long medical terms that have been known to defeat typists with two good eyes.

A self-appointed task is that of compiling a braille dictionary of medical words and terms which she hopes will be of use to other blind persons engaged in similar work.

Of her blindness, Maggie says simply: "Although I was blind at birth, I have never considered the lack of sight as being too dreadful. I have developed my other senses to compensate. I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of the first patients in McGuire General because I believe I can help men who have been blinded overseas. Their adjustments will be hard but they can make them and I want to help if I can."



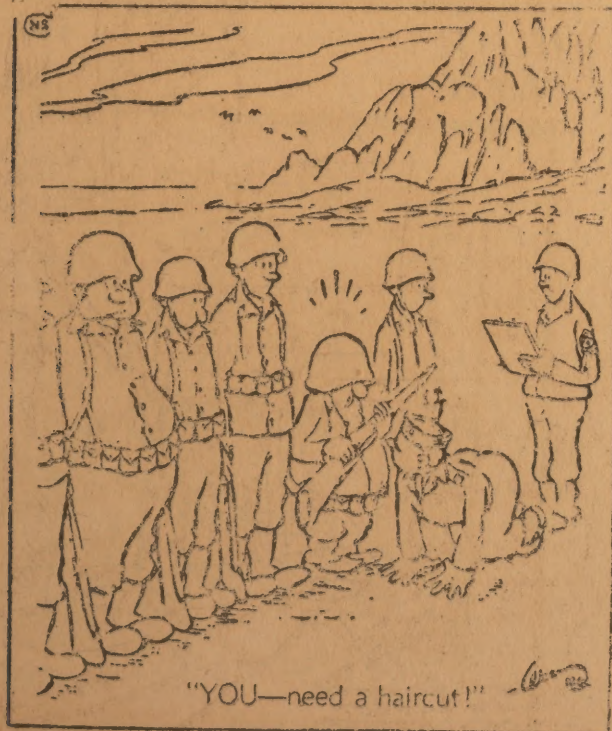
GALA RADIO "SALUTE" PLANNED

BAND WILL GREET PATIENTS

When the first patients arrive at McGuire General, the usual gloom and sordid atmosphere engendered by such an arrival will be dispelled by a specially planned program of music and on-the-spot entertainment provided by the hospital's Special Services Branch under Lt. J. J. Perna, Jr.

With the exact date of the arrival of patients as yet unknown, all arrangements are necessarily tentative, but an Army Band will definitely be on hand (probably the Richmond Army Air Base Band) and Miss Vivian Della Chieze, well-known star of radio and the concert stage, is expected to give the boys a song or two.

Arrangements are also being made to have an on-the-spot radio broadcast with the new arrivals speaking a few words of greeting to the folks at home over the air waves and recording their impressions of our hospital.



"YOU—need a haircut!"

GOV. DARDEN WILL ATTEND

A half-hour radio program entitled "America's Salute to McGuire General Hospital" will go out over the ether waves via Columbia Broadcasting's WRVA on Thursday evening, June 29, starting at 8:00 p.m., it was announced by the Public Relations Office.

Promising to be one of the best half hours on its radio log, Station WRVA is turning over two of its largest studios to meet the needs of the large cast of "well-wishers" involved in the broadcast.

Among those participating will be His Excellency, Colgate W. Darden, Jr., Governor of Virginia, Camp Lee's Sgt. Jack Platt and the Army Service Forces Band, with Cpl. Johnny Hartman, formerly of Gene Krupa's Band, doing the vocals, the music of the 602nd Army Air Force band, a brilliant violinist from Camp Pickett, and a local glee club representing the City of Richmond's salute to the hospital.

Word of the opening of McGuire General Hospital has swept the nation, and messages have been received from such G.I. favorites as Carol Landis, Bing Crosby, Joe E. Brown, Bette Davis, Bob Hope, Hedy Lamarr, and many others. Best wishes have been received from Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt who sends greetings from the White House to the hospital's staff and future patients. All these messages of good wishes will be incorporated into the broadcast and help to make the radio send-off a truly gala affair.

Many of the personnel stationed at the hospital have already requested tickets for the broadcast. An investigation is now being made to see just how many of these can be accommodated.

BUY MORE THAN BEFORE; BUY BONDS TODAY.

ABSENTEE VOTING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY SPECIAL SERVICES

Detailed information regarding absentee voting for soldiers is now obtainable in the office of Lt. John J. Perna, Jr., special service officer and recently designated voting officer.

Nineteen states will hold primaries during July and August. They are: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Requests for ballots in these states should be made direct to Lt. Perna in the Administration Building.

In other states the War Department's postal card (WD AGO Form 560) may be used as an application for a ballot or a request for the special application form supplied by the various states. These cards may be obtained from the special services office.

GI voters are reminded that ballots and ballot application may be sent postage free.

Additional information on voting in state primaries will be issued in memorandum form by the voting officer, and complete information regarding the November general election will be released immediately after the July 15 certifying date for the states has passed. Servicemen are urged to remember to place their party affiliations on applications for state ballots. Names and serial numbers must be printed on the WD cards.

SERGEANT BECOMES MEMBER OF POKER IMMORTAL CLUB

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY--Staff Sergeant Leonard Graves, Williamsburg, Va., performed the impossible when he drew five aces in one poker hand. Graves drew four natural aces and the joker which was wild. That could happen only once in 869,685 hands. . . . Graves had the five cards autographed by six unhappy fellow players who witnessed the draw.

JOIN THE FIGHTING FIFTH; BUY BONDS.

MCGUIRE SERGEANT HONORED BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

"Finer Femininity," an organization designed to prevent servicemen from returning to a world of drunken and immoral women, has gained a foothold in McGuire General Hospital, it was revealed yesterday with the announcement that S/Sgt. Daniel Lame of the postal detachment has been made a charter member.

Sgt. Lame declined to comment on his appointment as charter member and member of the board of governors, saying he preferred to wait until he had a clearer idea of what the group hopes to accomplish.

"Finer Femininity" is an offshoot of "Global Thinkers, Inc.," which hopes to beam to the world its appeal to fight against smoking and drinking. Mrs. Myrtle McLean Banister, Nashville, Tenn., founder of the organization, stated they were not reformers and carried no hatchets. She defined "Finer Femininity" as a group pledged to get women out of slacks, to abstain from smoking and drinking, and to promote a general return to modesty and decency.

"With the help of persons such as Sgt. Lame at McGuire General Hospital, we will girdle the globe with this idea," she said.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



CAPTAIN AND MRS. LANDS PARENTS OF BABY GIRL

It's five pounds of baby girl at the home of Captain and Mrs. K. E. Lands, born in St. Luke's Hospital early Saturday. Mother and daughter are doing fine, and the captain is making a rapid come back.

The infant, Miss Lands, has the honor of being the first child born to a member of McGuire General Hospital's commissioned personnel. Capt. Lands is commanding officer of Headquarters Detachment as well as director of security and intelligence for McGuire Hospital. Mrs. Lands is the former Miss Julia Frances Thompson. This is their first child.

BOND DRIVE PLANNED

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been received from about 90 per cent of those participating," said Capt. White. "We are aiming at, and will arrive at 100 per cent participation. Those Fifth War Loan bond purchases among our personnel represent a distinct sacrifice on the parts of the purchasers. Most of us are already subscribed up to the hilt and we know additional purchases mean sacrifice. That's why we are proud of the men and women who volunteer," she said.

McGuire purchasers of Fifth War Loan bonds will be provided with white ribbons signifying purchases and as evidence of the fact that they are attempting to make the 100 per cent participation a reality, according to Capt. White.

Additional meetings of civilian employees will be held from time to time during the campaign which is scheduled to run from June 12 to July 8.

Italy (CNS)--The American officer approached the wounded Nazi pilot he had just shot down. "Do you want us to bring you a priest?" he asked in German.

"Hitler is my priest," the Nazi said.

"If you'll try to hold on," the American pleaded, "we'll get him for you."

IT PAYS OFF FOUR TO THREE! INVEST IN
WAR BONDS.

FIRST MCGUIRE OFFICER PROMOTION ANNOUNCED

Honored as the first commissioned officer of McGuire General Hospital to receive a promotion since being stationed here is First Lieutenant Henry U. Resch, station surgeon and chief of the Receiving and Disposition section, who has received his captaincy, according to Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer.

Captain Resch, formerly a well-known pediatrician in Bloomfield, N. J., started his army career as station surgeon in Camp Pickett, Va. He is married and his wife and son reside at 185 Liberty Street in Bloomfield.

"Naturally, I am pleased with my promotion, but just now I'm more concerned with getting the R & D in shape to receive the first consignment of war wounded," he said.

TRIAL PATIENTS GO THROUGH R & D

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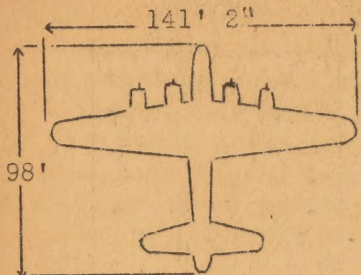
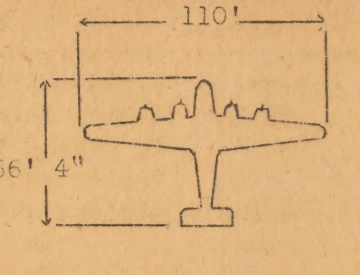
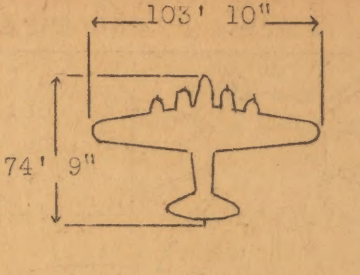
rapidly classified them, obtained necessary information and checked their money and valuables.

Leaving the classifying section, the patients were directed to the disrobing department where their uniforms were checked in exchange for conventional army pajamas and bathrobes. In sober contrast to the real thing, the imitation patients laughed and griped about the fit of the pajamas and paper and wore size-tags still attached to the new garments and which scratched the tender epidermis of 1385th Service Unit soldiers.

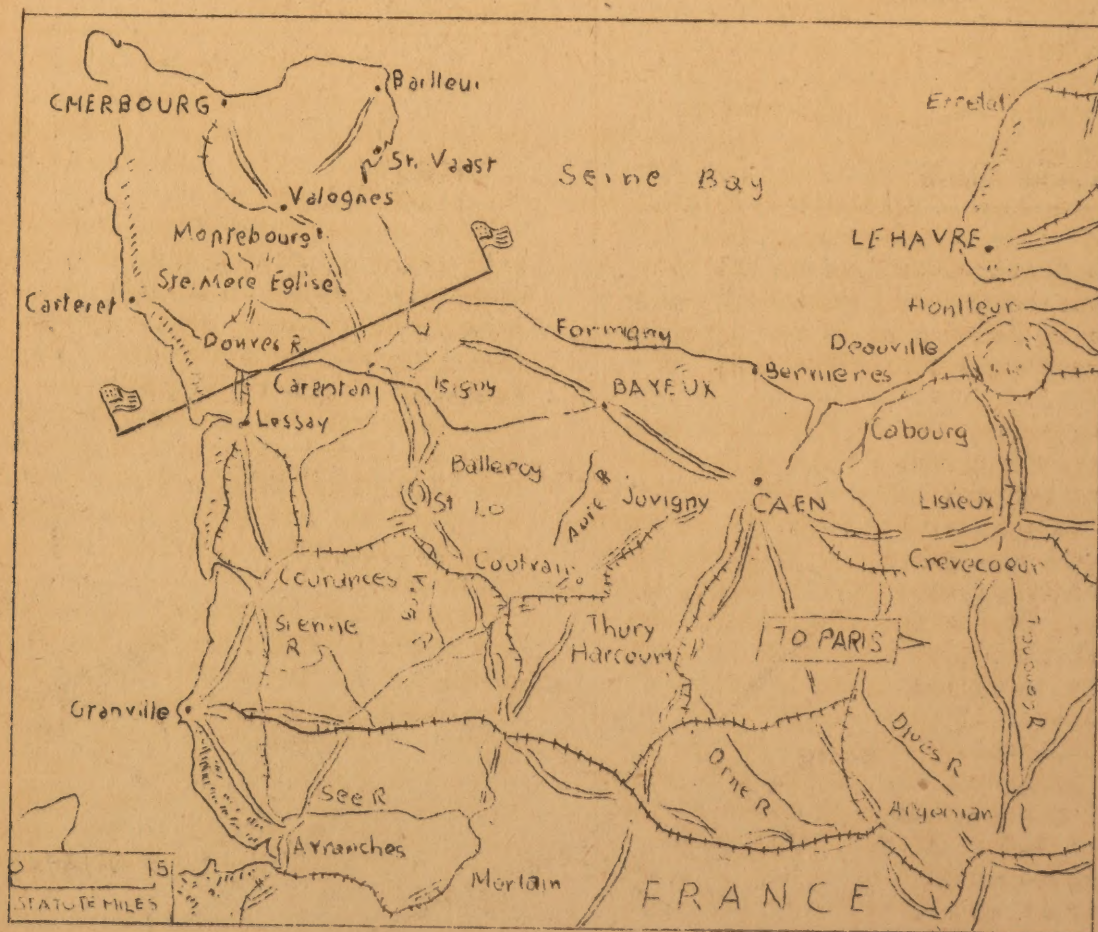
Capt. Resch expressed himself as being well-pleased with the speed and precision of the section workers and commended several of them for their diligence. "However," he said, "there is room for improvement and we will keep working until we have a smoothly clicking machine that will be the equal of any R & D department in other Army hospitals."

Los Angeles (CNS)--A police sergeant arrived at the scene of a murder, took down the name of the corpse, dashed to the victim's landlady's house--and rented his room.

THE SUPERFORTRESS: SYMBOL OF GLOBAL WAR

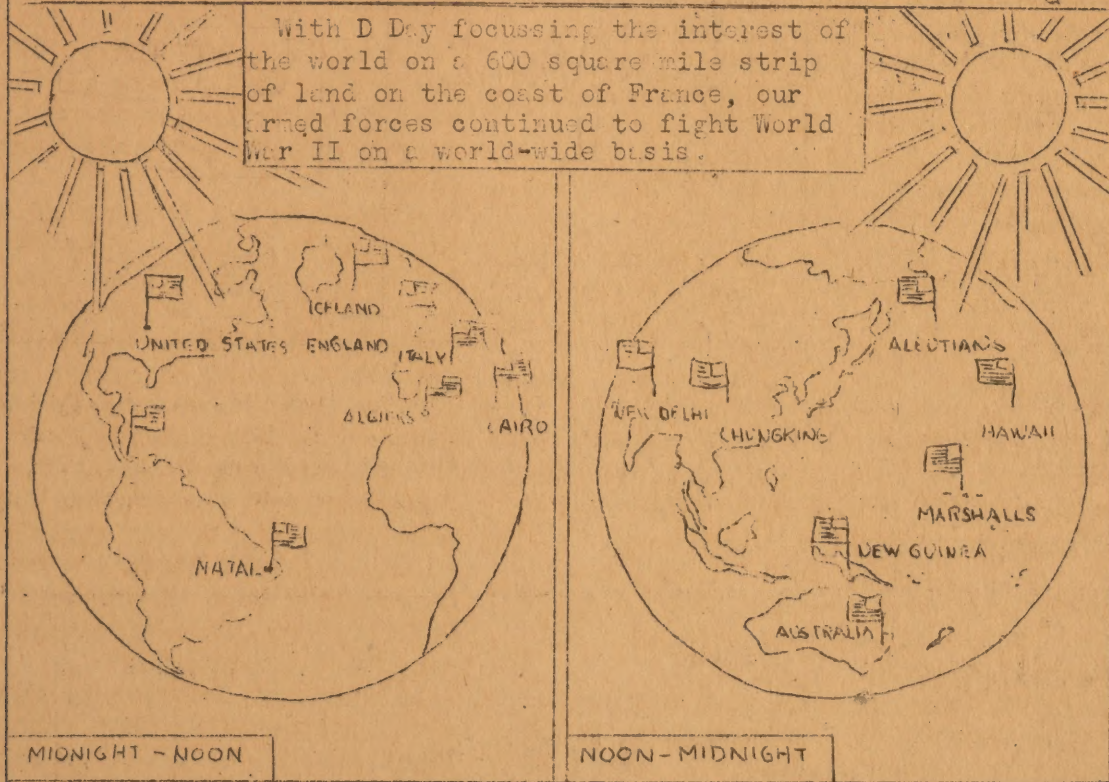
 <p>SUPERFORTRESS B-29 Range - ? HP-Four 2,200 hp engines</p>	 <p>LIBERATOR B-24 Range - 1,500 miles HP-Four 1,200 hp engines</p>	 <p>FORTRESS B-17 Range - 1,400 miles HP-Four 1,200 hp engines</p>
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NEW B-29 SUPER FORTRESSES operating from secret bases in China are daily hammering nerve centers in Japan. The B-29's are described as the most awesome aerial weapons devised by man. According to War Secretary Henry L. Stimson, they are capable of carrying greater bomb loads farther, higher and faster than any other plane in existence.



Latest dispatches herald the smashing of German defenses on the Cherbourg peninsula. Allied big guns have been brought up to lay siege to this key city. When Cherbourg is taken, as it may be hourly, the Allies will have an all important port.

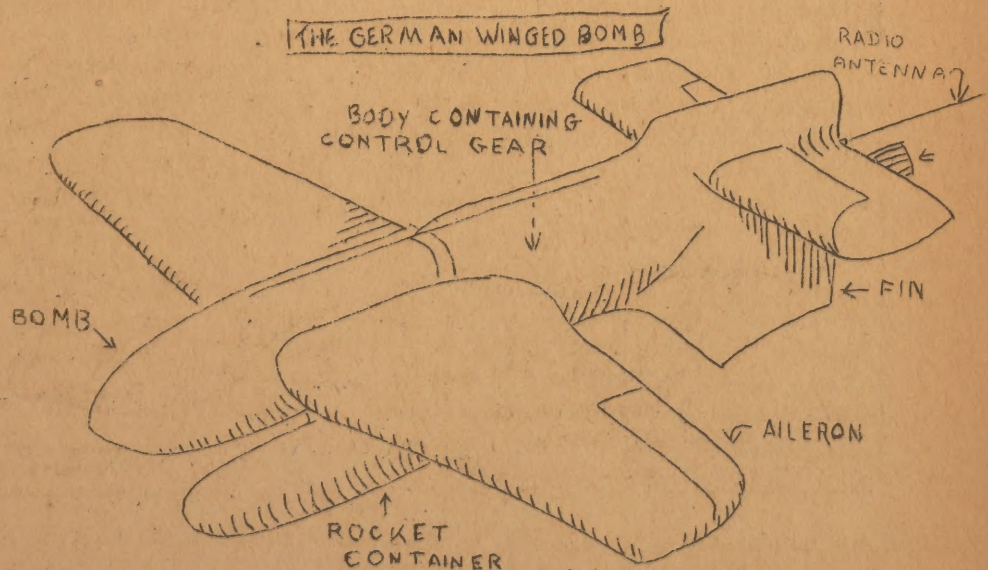
The Sun Never Sets On Old Glory



HITLER'S "HELL HOUND" ROCKET BOMBS continue to harass South England as the Nazi counterinvasion attack moved into its second week. These robot projectiles, fired off tracks in the Pas de Calais area 20 miles across the Channel from England, are not radio-controlled and have not had the slightest effect on the supply of men and munitions being shuttled across the Channel, according to SUPREME COMMAND.

These facts have emerged regarding the Nazi secret weapon:

The projectile can be produced and fired cheaply and in great quantities. It has a range of about 100 miles. The enemy has no control over it after it is fired. Its speed is around 250 miles an hour. It flies about 700 feet off the ground until the plane runs out of fuel and strikes the earth, exploding the bomb. Its effective range is well below 50 miles.



WD SUGGESTION PLAN CAMPAIGN RECEIVES WELCOME SHOT IN ARM

In an all-out drive to save manpower, material, time, or space, McGuire General Hospital's newly-created Committee on Awards for the War Department Suggestion Plan Campaign has announced its first grant. Pvt. Bernard L. Asbell, post personnel section, has been promoted to private-first-class for his suggestion to save paper and time by the use of smaller office inter-communication slips. Orders for his promotion were approved yesterday.

Lt.-Colonel Michael L. Sheppeck, executive officer and committee chairman, stressed the fact that the committee is anxious to receive suggestions, no matter how small, from both civilian and military personnel stationed here. "Your idea might be just what we have been looking for, or your idea combined with another might effect considerable savings," he said.

Suggestions should be placed in boxes located throughout the hospital. Printed forms may be used or suggestions may be submitted in the form of letters to the committee.

Military personnel including officers, WACs, and nurses will be paid in promotions, furloughs, passes, or recommendations for the Legion of Merit award. Civilians are eligible for cash awards ranging from \$5 to \$250.

Members of the committee, in addition to Col. Sheppeck, are: CWO L. E. Roffman, 1st Sgt. James H. Kaylor, Lester F. Mitchell, Albert S. Archer, Mrs. Gladys Shively, Mrs. Alma Ingram, Miss Mary Bell, and Miss Helen Crenshaw, executive secretary.

The campaign will continue indefinitely, Mr. Roffman said.

Mrs. Korene Stankowich, 35, was arrested in Detroit by the FBI for cashing four different allotment checks. She admitted marrying 15 men in the last 18 years.

Complaining that his wife kept his home so clean that he couldn't enjoy it, Paul F. Bucci, Boston, won a divorce on grounds of cruelty. The judge offered no comment.

LIEUTENANTS QUALIFIED FOR OVERSEAS MAY VOLUNTEER FOR DUTY WITH INFANTRY

The War Department has announced that lieutenants under 32 yrs. of age within the continental limits of the United States may volunteer for assignment and duty in the infantry with certain exceptions.

Subject to War Department approval, lieutenants will be accepted for infantry duty excepting those who are assigned to pools in zone of interior personnel replacement depots; Army Air Forces personnel; assigned to combat units of Army Service Forces and Army Air Forces; officers on flying status, and officers of the Women's Army Corps.

Lieutenants desiring to volunteer will make written requests through channels to the Adjutant General's department. A certified copy of Officers' and Warrant Officers' qualification card must accompany the application.

Lieutenants desiring to volunteer for parachute training must submit applications through channels to the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Washington 25, D.C.

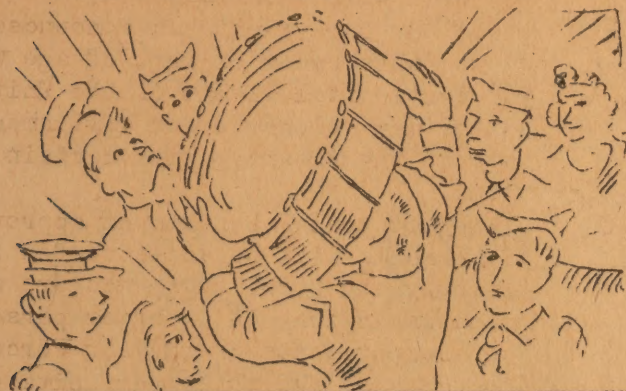
No specific replacements will be provided, according to the War Department, standard requisition procedures governing in all replacement obtainments.

THE USO PARKING LOT CANTEEN has attracted several thousand service men and women since its opening Thursday, June 1. The canteen, located at Thalheimer's parking lot in Richmond, is open Monday through Saturday to enlisted members of the armed forces, their wives, their dates, and registered USO hostesses.

Allied flags and colored lights transform the parking area into a huge patio for dancing to the music of Barney Abram's Orchestra from 8:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday nights and 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Claiming that he had no teeth, Dominic Laforest of Woonsocket, R. I., pleaded not guilty to the charge he had bit a policeman. The judge fined him \$15.

PANOFSKY GETS DRUM - MCGUIRE GETS "HEP"



FREE PHONES

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minute call will cost \$1.83.

After a patient has been received and assigned to a bed in a ward, he will be asked if he wishes to telephone his family, regardless of distance from this hospital. If he says "yes", a card will be filled out with his name and social number, the name, address, and phone number of the person he wishes to talk to. The amount of the call will be filled in later. If the patient is ambulatory, he will be able to make his call from one of nine phone booths recently erected in Times Square across from the offices of the American Red Cross. If he is a bed patient, an attendant will bring a bedside telephone and he can talk to his family with a maximum of comfort.

Voluntary Contributions

Lt. Leeds stated that all McGuire contributions would be entirely voluntary. Personnel can give as much or as little as they wish. Department heads or officers in charge are being asked to start immediately collecting the donations which Lt. Leeds will turn over to the campaign chairman of the Richmond News-Leader.

So, your dimes or your dollars will soon enable some happy GI to say in a chokey sort of voice--"Hello, Mom. Gee, it's great to hear your voice."

South Pacific (CNS)--Marine Cpl. Joe Murphy received a 27,000 word letter from his girl in New Jersey. Reading time was eight hours.

"Are we going to have a dance band? You ask me that after all I've been through?" hotly inquired Cpl. Robert Panofsky, Detachment Supply, when the Banner put the question.

Maestro Panofsky got no further than the inspiration for his ensemble when his tribulations began. It seems there was no one around who could play. No one except a drummer who had no drum. No such detail, however, was to prevent Panofsky from emerging from the solo class. Wangling for himself a week-end pass, he trotted off to New York and came rushing back through Penn Station lugging a big bass, traps, cymbals and assorted accessories. Now they were two. Pvt. Peter Athens is the would-be Krupa.

With new additions to the Detachment Personnel, Panofsky found little trouble in recruiting seasoned instrumentalists to round out the troupe. Rehearsals are already under way in preparation for a formal unveiling early in July.

A musician from his uninhabited pate to his G.I. toe, the Maestro has fifteen years of professional pianistry behind him. Five of those years were spent directing his own orchestra in New York and vicinity under the name of Bob Payne.

Parties interested in booking the new ensemble will find a welcome mat outside the Detachment Supply Office.

And Cpl. Panofsky would like to take this opportunity to remind all concerned that laundry goes in Monday.

BABY KANGAROO PUNISHED FOR BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

NEW YORK, N.Y.--Soldiers returned from Australia swear they heard and witnessed the following incident:

A mother kangaroo was vigorously cuffing her offspring whose head was barely visible out of the maternal pouch. Between cuffs they claim they heard her say --- "Take that and that and that! Why didn't you tell mother?"

Girls who offer no resistance
Often lead a rich existence.

COACH INSPIRES FIGHTING TEAM

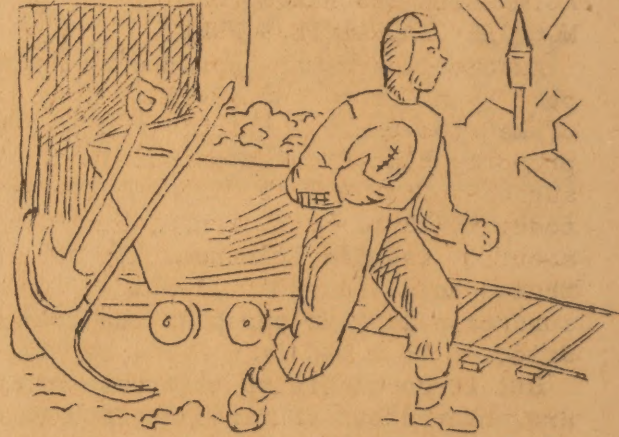
Love of sport is what makes Lt.-Colonel Michael L. Sheppeck, MC, executive officer of McGuire General Hospital, remove his army clothes and put on a pair of faded blue shorts to coach the hospital's softball team to become one of the fightingest contingents around. Having trained as a youth with baseball and football clubs which drew their players from the Pennsylvania coal mines, Col. Sheppeck coaches his men to play rough-and-ready ball with plenty of fight and spirit.

Col. Sheppeck's background gives the key to the team's fighting spirit. Attending Newport Township High, Wanamie, Pa., from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., playing football during the afternoon, and then working in the coal mines at night was Colonel Sheppeck's introduction to competitive sports. All the boys worked at the mines, and so every moment on the ball field had to count. For when the mine whistle blew, they had to go to work. This meant clinching the win or winding up the old ball game before that old whistle blew. And win they usually did. Young Sheppeck played guard and fullback, earning honorable mention on the All-Scholastic team of the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Breaking his leg in a coal shaft kept Sheppeck from playing ball in his college years, but he never lost the love for sports. Graduating from medical school in 1937, he entered the army as a medico and has specialized in neuropsychiatric work. Despite his pressing duties in the army, the Colonel has always managed to organize ball clubs, and he coached the post championship team at Fort Leavenworth, rousing a second-rate medical team to the point where it grabbed off the top laurels for the first time in the history of the post.

The Colonel hasn't any inhibitions and he is apt to leave his spot on the coaches' bench at any moment, screaming his head off, waving his hands in the air, and his blue shorts colorfully

fanning the breeze. The crowd usually gets quite a kick out of his antics, very few of them realizing that this powerfully-built individual who cheers as loud as any Brooklyn Dodger Fan is also the quiet dignified figure who serves as second in command of the Army's great new hospital, the McGuire General.



BIG GAME TONITE

The McGuire General Softball Team goes into the home stretch in the race for the Municipal League first-half flag with a battle for third place to-night against the Patent Office 7:00 p.m. at Byrd Park. The two teams together with Hopper Paper still have a fighting chance to finish in second place making tonight's affair a crucial game.

Lt.-Col. Sheppeck, coach of the Commandos, will send his ace hurler, Ancy-powie, into the fray with Allison forming the other half of the battery.

Patent Office probably will counter with Stoltz and Lockett.

The past fortnight has witnessed MGH winning two out of three league contests although they only received an even break in four games having dropped a close 2-0 decision to the Navy V-2's of Richmond University in an exhibition game. They obtained revenge over the Antiaircraft Command (6-4) and shelled Bellwood Engineers 10-6. Naval Training School, however, scored its second consecutive triumph over the Commandos 6-3 in a contest that had to go eight innings before a decision was reached.

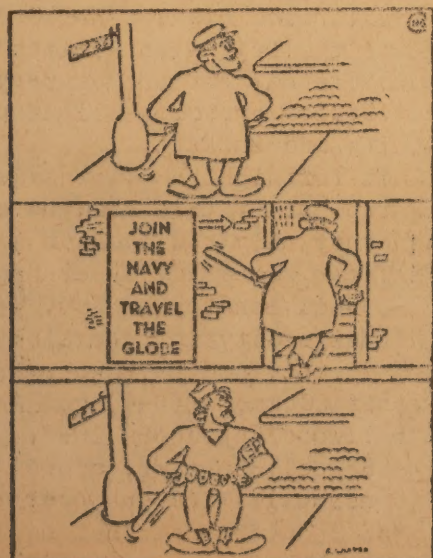
Looking em Over

by
Sgt Bill
Allison

JULY FIRST IS DEADLINE ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FOR MCGUIRE GENERAL PERSONNEL

Automobiles being operated on the post by military and civilian personnel of McGuire General Hospital must carry property damage and personal injury insurance after July 1, it was announced today by Capt. K. E. Lands, director of security and intelligence. On and after that date all cars failing to carry insurance will be stopped at the gate, he said.

Stickers signifying that car owners are covered by insurance may be obtained from Capt. Land's office in the Administration Building at a cost of twenty-five cents per car. The stickers, which will be applied to the windshields and rear windows of each insured car, must be applied in the following manner: The front sticker will be fastened on the inside of the windshield directly behind the rear-view mirror. The rear sticker must be applied to the inside of the glass in the lower right hand corner of the window. Any other positions will be illegal, Capt. Lands pointed out.



Frank Peckinpaugh, father of Roger Peckinpaugh, one time major league star, is a member of the Three Quarter Century Club Baseball league. He has written fellow club members that Denton (Cy) Young, now 77 hrs. of age, has been invited to play in the oldsters' league this coming winter.

The league's minimum age is 75 yrs. The saying goes, "You're only as old as you feel." We'll be waiting to see whether Cy Young feels young enough to come out of retirement to play ball again.

Lt. (j.g.) Byron R. (Whizzer) White, star footballer of the Pre-Pearl Harbor days received a bronze star for courageous service with the "Little Beavers" destroyer squadron in the South Pacific. The Whizzer said after receiving the decoration, "I just got in on the gravy train. The other guys really deserved their medals. I came into the squadron from a PT job in November after the biggest work was done." The citation by Admiral Halsey stated the outstanding courage, efficiency, and inspiration of Lt. White. We express the sentiments of all concerned, the "Whizzer" is truly a star of stars.

Under a plan suggested by Ray Dumont, president of the National Semipro Baseball Congress, base running in reverse will be given its initial test in an exhibition game here August 11, opening night of the tenth annual national championship semipro tournament.

The idea, according to Dumont, is to permit the batter to run either to third or to first base, but if he first runs to third base, he must continue to circle the bases to second to first and home. Sports writers have ridiculed the idea but the fans have demanded a fair trial, Dumont said.

SPORTS CHATTER

"by Play Ball"

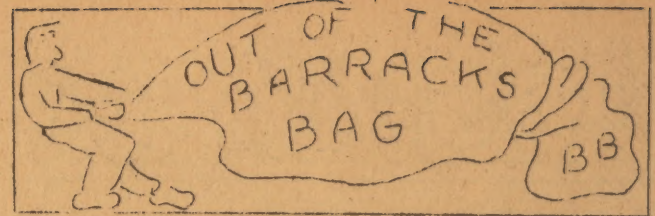
Well, we emerged from a prolonged rest at the plate to blast the Bellwood Engineers in a 15-hit attack. Of course, we got a bit sloppy in the field while we were doing it, but the hits were good to see, the team batting average got a welcome lift and so did the averages of some of the stars.

At week's end "Lefty" Peters and Mr. Vaeth were still leading the parade with .416 and .333 respectively, but Lt. "Zero" Boyer took a long jump into third place with some consistent base knocking.

Let's take a look at the hitters:

	Game	AB	R	H	Avg
Peters	10	24	2	10	.416
Vaeth	12	36	7	12	.333
Boyer	12	31	7	10	.322
Ancypowie	10	30	5	9	.300
Allison	8	24	4	7	.291
Roffman	7	21	4	6	.285
Cronin	11	36	6	8	.222
Miller	9	28	8	6	.214
Cheswick	9	19	5	4	.210
Finklor	3	8	3	2	.250
Conway	6	16	1	2	.125
Doran	4	10	1	1	.100
Sutula	3	8	0	0	.000

Quite a few newcomers have bolstered the lineup considerably with Finklor, Doran and Sutula showing up well



G. I. DEFINITIONS

Permanent: A highly indefinite status, generally of short duration. Subject to instant change.

Urgent: Unimportant, not vital. Thus, "urgent message"--a piece of paper lying on a desk underneath several dozen other pieces of paper.

Morning Report: The piece of paper on top of the desk.

Restricted: A piece of inside news you get from a civilian.

Eyeful: Any female under 80 who happens to be in camp.

Barreck: A type of habitation which, after being thoroughly scrubbed for two hours, looks twice as uninviting as it did before.

Current: Anything that is been misplaced three days or less.

in the field. Here are the teams:

	W	L	Pct
Reynolds	7	1	.875
Naval TS	7	3	.700
McGuire	5	4	.555
Patent Office	5	4	.555
Hopper	5	4	.555
Antiaircraft	3	6	.333
Bellwood	0	9	.000

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

IT'S HARD TO LEARN TO BE A GLAMOUR BOY

